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SUBJECT: U.S. CANDIDATE FOR UN POST OFFICE TRAINING PROGRAM

- 1. OFFICIAL FROM UNDP LAGOS VISITED EMBASSY MAY 6 TO ASK OUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING U.S. POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYEE FOR TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH FEDERAL MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS WISHES TO SET UP TO IMPROVE DETERIORATING NIGERIAN POSTAL ORGANISATION.
- 2. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SELECTED AMERICAN NAMED RICHARD HENRY DUNCAN FROM LIST OF CANDIDATES PROVIDED BY UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (UPU). DUNCAN IS PRESENTLY REGIONAL EMPLOYEE TRAINING OFFICER, WESTERN REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, SAN BRUNO, CALIFORNIA. HE SUPERVISES APPROXIMATELY 600 TRAINING PERSONNEL IN THIRTEEN WESTERN STATES ENCOMPASSING 122,000 POSTAL EMPLOYEES. MINISTRY, AND UNDP, BELIEVE NEED FOR TRAINING PROGRAM IS CRITICAL, HOPE TO TRAIN UP TO 3,000 NIGERIAN POSTAL WORKERS PER YEAR. MINISTRY MOST IMPRESSED BY DUNCAN'S QUALIFICATIONS AND MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE HIM.
- 3. MINISTRY, HOWEVER, INFORMED BY UPU THAT DUNCAN APPOINTMENT HAS HIT SNAG, APPARENTLY BECAUSE WESTERN REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS SAN BRUNO RELUCTANT TO RELEASE HIM. BOTH MINISTRY AND UNDP WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING CAUSE AND SERIOUSNESS OF HOLDUP. CAN DEPARTMENT CHECK WITH USPS AND ADVISE.

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4. FYI, STUDY TO RECOMMEND OPERATIONAL CHANGES IN NIGERIAN POSTAL SYSTEM CARRIED OUT LAST YEAR BY U.S. CONSULTING FIRM MAX O. URBAHN INTERNATIONAL, 521 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 10017. UNDP OFFICIAL SAID MINISTRY IS UNDERTAKING SECOND PROJECT TO IMPLEMENT URBAHN RECOMMENDATIONS.
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